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1. CONGEN HAS TRIED EVERY GOOD HOTEL IN EDINBURGH AND SOME MARGINAL ONES AS WELL AND IS ABSOLUTELY UNABLE TO RESERVE EVEN ONE OF THE ROOMS REQUESTED IN REFTEL OTHER THAN CONFERENCE ROOM AND SUITE AT CALEDONIAN.

2. MOST OTHER DELIGATIONS HAVE ALREADY BOOKED THEIR SPACE THE CANADIANS FOR EXAMPLE TWO MONTHS AGO. SITUATION COMPLICATED BY FACT THAT ICNAF CONFLICTS WITH ANNUAL ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW AND SEVERAL LARGE CONVENTIONS WHICH HAVE TAKEN ALL AVAILABLE 1ST AND 2ND CLASS HOTEL SPACE.

3. ONLY ALTERNATIVE WE CAN SUGGEST IS SMALLER, OLDER HOTELS SCATTERED ABOUT TOWN WHICH MIGHT PROVIDE MODEST 3RD AND 4TH CLASS ACCOMODATION, PROBABLY WITHOUT BATH.

4. CONGEN CAN OFFER NO RPT NO CONFERENCE FACILITIES FOR US DELAGATION, NOR ANY OTHER SUBSTANTIVE SUPPORT, SUCH AS REPRESENTATIONAL FUNDS. EDINBURGH IS PERHAPS MOST OVERWORKED, UNDERFUNDED, UNDERSTAFFED CONGEN IN SERVICE AND IS LOSING GROUND FAST WITH INFLUX AMERICANS.

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TM CONFERENCE ROOM AT CALEDONIAN HAS BEEN BOOKED JUNE 7

TO 18 AND 20 TO 22 AT 53 DOLLARS PER DAY. JUNE 19 UNAVAILABLE.
WE HAVE RESERVED SUITE JUNE 7 TO 20 AT 94 DOLLARS PER DAY.
JUNE 21 AND 22 UNAVILABLE.

6. REGRET WE ARE UNABLE TO DO BETTER BUT AT THIS LATE DATE
THERE ARE NO OTHER KNOWN OPTIONS, EVEN GLASGOW. THIS IS
THE TOURIST SEASON IN SCOTLAND.
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